## OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION 1645 West Jefferson Street Suite 420 Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Minutes of Meeting January 25, 1979

## Present:

Mr. Ralph W. Bilby, Chairman Mr. Hal Butler, Vice Chairman Mr. Robert A. Gallaher, Member Dr. J. Dale Nations, Member Mr. Johnny Gregovich, Member

The regular Commission meeting of January 25, 1979 was called to order by Chairman Ralph Bilby at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the regular meeting and executive session of September 15, 1979 were approved as written.

Reports of Executive Secretary, Enforcement Section and Geology Section were accepted.

Executive Secretary outlined the provisions of House Bill 2079, to be introduced at the present session of the Legislature. This bill designates that the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission enforce certain provisions of the Natural Gas Policy Act, enacted by the Federal Government in 1978, under the auspices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The Oil and Gas Conservation Commission will not have authority on Federal or Indian lands, but will have jurisdiction on State and private lands.

Executive Secretary reviewed House Bill 2080, which provides for the Arizona Energy Office. This bill is essentially the same as a bill which was introduced at the last legislative session. It provides for an eight-member board and an executive director, all of whom are appointed by the Governor. Departments to be included in the Arizona Energy Office are the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, Solar Research and the Energy Programs Division (Fuel Allocation and Conservation) now part of the Office of Economic Planning and Development.

A bill, being drafted, will be introduced by the House Natural Resources and Energy Committee to provide \$258 thousand to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission to contract with the Arizona Board of Regents to provide funds to the Bureau of Geology and Mineral Technology for preparation of an updated state geological map. The map now being used was prepared eighteen years ago and the new map will be of use to many state departments.

After discussion, it was moved and passed that the Executive Secretary request an additional \$2500 allotment to the state travel account for the balance of the fiscal year. This amount will be necessary for inspections in remote parts of the state.

Executive Secretary advised that he has appeared before the Governor's Budget Committee and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee regarding the Commission's proposed budget for the 1979-80 fiscal year. Recommendations to reduce funds were made by both committees, but the final allotment will be determined by the Legislature.

After discussion, it was moved and passed that the following Resolution be adopted:

## RESOLUTION

That this Commission meet on the following dates during the calendar year of 1979: March 16, May 18, July 20, September 21 and November 16; that during the first meeting of each succeeding calendar year the Commission set the dates of the meetings for the remainder of that year; and that these meetings shall not be subject to change unless a majority of the Commissioners, in a regular meeting, rule to change the date of the next succeeding meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

APPROVED

March 16, 1979

Ralph W! Bilby, Chairman  ${\cal U}$